Rise to the Challenge Nomination Form

Please fill out the following form to nominate a Public and Local Government Sector, Health Care Nonprofit, Business or Individual(s), that has made a difference in our community throughout the pandemic.
Please submit the form by July 8th at 11:59 p.m.

1. Public and Local Government Sector Awards

Public Health Hero Award: This category will accept nominations of public health personnel who worked tirelessly to educate and inform the community and developed responses to the pandemic.

County Crusader Award: Recognizing County employees who have gone above and beyond the call of duty since the beginning of 2020 to keep us safe and informed.

Public Service Hero Award: This category will accept nominations of front-line police officers, sheriff deputies, firefighters, park rangers, and other public service workers for their heroic work since the beginning of 2020 to keep us safe.

2. Health Care Awards

Frontline Medical Response Award: This category will accept nominations of doctors, nurses, emergency medical responders, and other frontline medical personnel for their heroic work since the beginning of 2020 to aid the infected and save lives.

Healthcare Hero Award: This category will accept nominations of researchers, pharmacists, lab technicians, dietary staff, custodians and other non-patient facing medical personnel for their heroic work since the beginning of 2020 to aid the infected and save lives.

Senior Care Service Award: This category will accept nominations of nurses, paraprofessionals, aides, rehabilitation specialists and others who cared for the elderly during the pandemic.

Behavioral Health Support Award: Honoring counselors, social workers, therapists, psychologists and others who provided essential behavioral health care during the pandemic.

3. Nonprofit Awards

Service Award: This category will accept nominations of exemplary pandemic-specific responses by a non-profit organization that served their communities during this time. Please provide examples of the community service the non-profit engaged in within your write up.

Nonprofit Innovation Award: This category will accept nominations for a pandemic-related innovative idea which provided beneficial results to the non-profit's families or the community at large.

Stand-out Representative Award: This category will accept nominations for individuals who represented their non-profit in connecting with both the County and other community groups to work best together as they responded to the pandemic. This individual brought partnerships together to better serve the Howard County Community at large during the pandemic.

4. Business Awards

Business Perseverance Award: This category will accept nominations of exemplary responses by companies to the pandemic to ensure the well-being of their employees, customers and communities and adapt to changing conditions.

Business Innovation Award: This category will accept nominations of pandemic-related innovative ideas developed since the beginning of 2020 that assisted the business in its operations and/or benefitted the community.

Customer Commitment Award: This category will accept nominations of local retail and food service businesses for their heroic work since the beginning of 2020 to keep us safely supplied and fed.

5. Individual Awards

Community Champion Award: Recognizes an outstanding individual(s) who have provided grassroots advocacy, leadership and innovation to strengthen neighborhoods and initiatives in response to COVID-19.

Essential Worker Award: This category will accept nominations for an individual or team working in an essential capacity in the private sector for their heroic work since the beginning of COVID-19.

Education Hero Award: This category will accept nominations of teachers, school administrators, and staff in education – as either individuals or teams - for their extra efforts to keep the school community safe and students engaged, and educated during the pandemic.

Early Childhood Care Award: This category will recognize those who work in early childhood care, and who preserved to continue to provide services to our youngest residents during the pandemic, offering continuity of care and education and fostering a climate so that development could continue.

Excellence in Remote or Hybrid instruction Award: This category will accept nominations for an individual or team who made technological changes to successfully transform educational offerings into engaging and accessible remote or hybrid teaching platforms.

Data Hero Award: This category will accept nominations in the public, private, and non-profit sectors who have kept you informed and provided transparent and meaningful data and analysis about COVID-19. Including but not limited to cases, hospitalizations, deaths, testing, vaccinations, and more, to the public since the beginning of the pandemic.

Your Information

First name

Last name

Phone number

Email

Street address

City

State

Zip

Organization

Nominee Information

Name of individual(s) or business being nominated

Phone

Email

Awards - You may only choose one award

Public and Local Government Sector Awards

○ Public Health Hero Award
○ County Crusader Award
○ Public Service Hero Award

Health Care Awards

○ Frontline Medical Response Award
○ Healthcare Hero Award
○ Senior Care Service Award
○ Behavioral Health Support Award

Nonprofit Awards

○ Service Award
○ Nonprofit Innovation Award
○ Stand-out Representative Award

Business Rewards

○ Business Perseverance Award
○ Business Innovation Award
○ Customer Commitment Award

Individual Rewards

○ Community Champion Award
○ Essential Worker Award
○ Education Hero Award
○ Early Childhood Care Award
○ Excellence in Remote or Hybrid instruction Award
○ Data Hero Award

Reason for nomination: Describe the nominee's unique and exemplary contribution. Provide at least one example of how the nominee meets the criteria for the category nominated. How did the nominee RISE to the Challenge during the pandemic? (Max 500 words)